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FM AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5248

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SUBJECT: LETTER BOMBS

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LONDON FOR THE RSO

1. DECEMBER 21, MEDIA REPORT IRISH SECURITY FORCES HAVE DEALT WITH 39 BOMB CALLS OF WHICH 13 OR 14 HAVE PROVEN POSITIVE. POLICE EXPECT MORE LETTER AND PARCEL BOMBS MAY STILL BE IN THE MAILS AND HAVE ISSUED DETAILED WARNINGS ON HANDLING OF SUSPICIOUS MAIL.

2. ALL BOMBS REPORTEDLY THUS FAR ADDRESSED TO FIRMS BEGINNING WITH LETTERS F, G, H AND I, SUGGESTING NAMES MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM A DIRECTORY. ONE FIRM CEASED OPERATIONS OVER TWO YEARS AGO. PRESS REPORTS THAT GENERAL MOTORS ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION RECEIVED TWO BOMBS ARE ERRONEOUS, ACCORDING GMAC MANAGER. MEDIA REPORT BOMBS SENT FRO SURREY ENGLAND AND BELFAST AND DUNMURRAY, NORTHERN IRELAND. THEY ARE DESCRIBED AS TWO OUNCE PIECES OF GEL-EGNITE WORED TO BATTERY IN HOLLOWED-OUT HARDCOVER BOOK PLACED IN OFF-WHITE ENVELOPES MEASURING EITHER 6 IN. BY 4.5 IN. OR 9 IN.

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BY 9 IN. ADDRESSES TYPED ON GREEN LABEL SURROUNDED BY GREEN BOR-

DER AND ARE STAMPED WITH TWO BRITISH FIVE-PENNY STAMPS. ARMY HAS FOUR TEAMS OF BOMB DISPOSAL EXPERTS WORKING ON SUSPECT BOMBS.

3. HALLMARK CARDS (IRELAND) WAS AMONG FIRMS RECEIVING BOMBS. EMBOFF CALLED HALLMARK GENERAL MANAGER WHO SAID EMBASSY'S EARLIER CALL TO BEWARE POSSIBLE TERRORIST ATTACKS MAY HAVE BEEN FACTOR IN ENSURING CLERK DID NOT OPEN PARCEL.

4. TODAY DECEMBER 21, LOCAL POST OFFICE ASKED EMBASSY TO CHECK ON SUSPICIOUS APPEARING LETTER ADDRESSED TO "AMERICAN EMBASSY, COMMERCIAL SECTION, BALLSBRIDGE, DUBLIN 4" AND POSTMARKED PORT-LAOISE, COUNTY LAOIS (ABOUT 50 MILES FROM DUBLIN). FOUR OR FIVE OTHER EMBASSIES RECEIVED SIMILAR LETTERS, WHICH WERE IN BUFF COLORED ENVELOPES ABOUT 8 IN BY 6 IN. ENVELOPES APPEARED CONTAIN SOMETHING ABOUT 3 IN. BY 3 IN. AND ABOUT ONE HALF INCH THICK PLACED TO LEFT SIDE OF ENVELOPE. NO SENDER NAME APPEARED ON ENVELOPE. EMBASSY WAS NOT RPT NOT EXPECTING MAIL FROM PORTLAOISE SO DID NOT ATTEMPT TO OPEN IT. ARMY DISPOSAL SQUAD TOOK LETTER AWAY BUT PROMISED TO LET EMBASSY KNOW OUTCOME OF ITS INVESTIGATION.
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